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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

MATTHEW OBIM OKEKE,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	Case No. 2:15-cv-02178-APG-PAL
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
JEH JOHNSON, Secretary of U.S.	)	<b>ORDER</b>
Department of Homeland Security, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

**JOINT STIPULATION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO ANSWER PETITION**  
**(First Request)**

Pursuant to LR 6-1, 6-2, and 7-1, the parties jointly stipulate to extend the deadline for Respondents to answer or otherwise respond to the Petition filed in this matter. In support, the parties state as follows:

1           1.       On November 16, 2015, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of mandamus. *See*  
2 Pet., ECF No. 1. Specifically, Petitioner seeks an order from the Court “to compel  
3 Respondents to act on Petitioner’s completed I-485 Application to Adjust Status.” *Id.* at ¶ 1.

4           2.       Plaintiff effected service on Respondents Loretta Lynch, Attorney General of  
5 the United States; Jeh Johnson, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Leon  
6 Rodriguez, Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”); Thomas  
7 Cioppa, District Director of the Chicago Field Office of USCIS; and Jeanne Kent, Field Office  
8 Director of the Nevada-Las Vegas Field Office of USCIS, all in their official capacities. *See*  
9 ECF No. 8. According to the civil docket for this matter, Respondents’ answer deadlines are  
10 February 1, 2016, and February 2, 2016. *See* Dkt. entry at ECF No. 8.

11           3.       Petitioner effected service on the U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada on  
12 February 1, 2016. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(i). Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
13 12(a)(2), the “United States, a United States agency, or a United States officer or employee  
14 sued only in an official capacity must serve an answer to a complaint, counterclaim, or  
15 crossclaim within 60 days after service on the United States attorney.” Thus, despite the civil  
16 docket entry notation, Respondents’ answer deadline is April 1, 2016. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P.  
17 12(a)(2).

18           4.       Accordingly, the parties stipulate and agree that good cause exists to correct  
19 Respondents’ answer deadline from the deadline noted on ECF No. 8 to the correct answer  
20 date of April 1, 2016.

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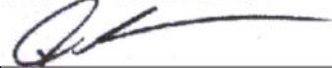
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WHEREFORE, the parties stipulate and agree that good cause exists to correct Respondents' answer deadline from February 1 and 2, 2016 to the correct answer date of April 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of February 2016.

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IT IS SO ORDERED:

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
Dated: February 9, 2016.